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**DLNR TO HOLD PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING ON
ALA WAI SMALL BOAT HARBOR PARKING PLANS**

HONOLULU - The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) will host a series of three public information meetings to gather input on a public parking plan for the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor. All meetings will be held in the Jefferson Elementary School cafeteria, 324 Kapahulu Avenue, Honolulu, from 6 to 8 p.m. as follows:

First Meeting: Wednesday, April 9, 2008;
Second Meeting: Wednesday, April 16, 2008;
Third Meeting: Wednesday, April 30, 2008.

"The purpose of this meeting is to seek input from the public regarding parking plans for the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor," said Laura H. Thielen, DLNR chairperson. "We encourage all concerned citizens to participate in addressing parking solutions."

At the meeting, DOBOR will invite suggestions from the public for management options to resolve parking issues at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor. Maintenance of the harbor parking area is paid for by funds that come from boaters' fees.

The Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) in January authorized DOBOR to hold public meetings to get input to develop a parking plan that would need to be approved by the BLNR before implementation.

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"Our goal is to come to a consensus on a parking plan for Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor that is practical and addresses all the various needs and issues," said Thielen.

Interested parties are invited to attend, present ideas and discuss possible parking scenarios to resolve parking challenges documented for this area. Suggestions for parking scenarios may be presented at the meetings, or may be mailed in advance to:

Clifford Inn
DLNR Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation
333 Queen Street, Suite 300
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Suggestions may also be e-mailed to Clifford.G.Inn@hawaii.gov up to Tuesday, April 15, 2008. Results of these meetings will be presented at a future date to the BLNR for consideration and possible adoption. No public parking plan will be implemented without prior consent of the BLNR.

The meeting locations are disability accessible. If special needs are required, i.e., large print, taped materials, sign language interpreter, etc., call Clifford Inn on O'ahu at (808) 587-1972 at least one week prior to the designated date and time of the public information meetings.

DOBOR operates and manages 21 harbors, 50 ramps, 2,122 moorings and berths and 19 piers across the state. The division works in close partnership with DLNR's Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement and the U.S. Coast Guard to make near shore waters safe.

The division is also responsible for registering all vessels in Hawai'i which are not documented by the U.S. Coast Guard, and for regulating and permitting surf meets, canoe and yachting regattas, ocean swimming events and other ocean events with the concurrence of the U.S. Coast Guard.

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